

REMARKS

New Claims 21 through 27 have been added. New Claim 21 includes all the limitations of previous Claims 1 and 2. New Claim 22 includes all the limitations of previous Claims 1 and 7. New Claim 23 includes all the limitations of previous Claims 1 and 11. New Claim 24 includes all the limitations of previous Claims 1, 12, and 13. New Claim 25 includes all the limitations of previous Claims 16 and 17. New Claim 26 includes all the limitations of previous Claims 16 and 18. New Claim 27 includes all the limitations of previous Claims 16 and 20.

Original Claim 3 has been made dependent upon new Claim 21 rather than previous Claim 2. Original Claims 8 and 9 have each been made dependent upon new Claim 22 rather than previous Claim 7.

Claims 1, 2, 4 through 7 and 10 through 20 have been cancelled, since it is believed that the balance of the claims remaining in this application after amendment adequately protect the Applicants' invention.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 2, 3, 7 through 9, 11, 13, 17, 18, and 20 thought being objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicants' attorney respectfully submits that new Claims 21 through 27 met the aforementioned criteria.

Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims remaining in this application after amendment and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.



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